(b) whether Government have identified those herbs and plants; and if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps Government are taking or have taken so far to check extinction of such vital plants?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Several medicinal plants like Rauwolfia serpentina, Saussurea-obvallata, Saussurea costus, Podophyllum henandrum, Coptis teeta, Picrorhiza kurroa, Aconitum heterophyllum, Dactylorhiza hetagirea are getting depleted due to over exploitation and forest clearings.

(c) Following steps have been taken for protection of endangered species of plants including plants of medicinal value:

(i) Highly endangered species of plants including medicinal plants are placed periodically in Appendix-I of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) which prohibits international trade in such plants. Export policy also prohibits export of certain rare medicinal plants and derivatives.

(ii) 71 National Parks have been set up which help in protection of threatened species of plants.

(iii) The Botanical Survey of India is cultivating several endangered plants species in their experimental gardens.

(iv) A scheme for Captive breeding of Endangered Species of plants has been introduced in the Botanical Survey of India recently.

(v) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are formulating a scheme to be operated during 8th Plan for providing financial assistance to various Government, Semi-Government, organisations for development and cultivation of identified medicinal plants.

Memorandum regarding conditions of the Central Research Institute (Ayurveda), Bhubaneshwar

282. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 4th December, 1990, from Coordination Committee of Central Government Employees' and Workers' Associations and Unions, Bhubaneshwar, regarding the conditions of Central Research Institute (Ayurveda), Bhubaneshwar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The memorandum relates to the condition of the building of the Central Research Institute (Ayurveda), Bhubaneshwar, lack of research facilities in the Institute, lack of staff quarters, proper ventilation in the building etc. It has been sent to the Director, Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha for his immediate attention and comments.

Demand of the CLTRI Employees Association, Chingalpattu

283. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 27th September, 1990 from the Central Leprosy Teaching and Research Institute Employees Association, Chengalpattu (Tamil Nadu);

(b) if so, what are the contents of the memorandum; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to settle the issues item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) Yes, Sir, the Association has written a letter dated 27th September, 1990.

(b) and (c) The demands and the action thereon are as per Statement attached.

Statement

Demand	Action taken
Hospital Patient Care Allowance to LDCs/ Stenos/Head Clerk/Accountants and Medical Record Technician.	The Ministry of Health vide their letter No. Z. 28015/102/88–H dated 30/10/89 have already granted the HPCA to Group 'C' & 'D' (Non-Ministerial employees) excluding nursing personnel of the Central Leprosy Training and Research Institute, Chengalpattu. While the Recruitment Rules of LDCs/UDCs etc. of SJH, Dr. RMLH aud LHMC Hospital have been amended, and their staff have started getting this allowance, no proposals for amending of recruitment rules has so far been received from OTRI, and therefore, the staff are not receiving the Hospital patient Care Allowance.
Special Compensatory Aowance/Risk Allowance.	The matter is under consideration.

Industrial disputes from Air India pending before the authorities

284. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications under section 33(2)(b) of Industrial Disputes Act are pending before the authorities from Air India;

(b) how many such applications are approved and rejected by the Labour Tribunal/Court and Labour Commissioners during the last three years;

(c) whether Air India had stopped submitting such applications; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) The number of approval applications pending as on 20th December, 1990 is thirty.

(b) The number of applications approved is thirty four and the number of applications rejected is twenty three.

(c) and (d) Since at present the provisions of Section 33 of the Industrial Disputes Act are not attracted, the Corporation is not filing any approval applications.

Operation of Air Taxi services

285. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air taxi services operated route-wise during the last two years, separately;

(b) the number of air taxis in operation as on 31st March, 1990; and

(c) the extent to which the operation of taxis has affected the operation of the Indian Airlines and Vayudoot separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Air taxi operators are private non-scheduled operators. No routes are prescribed for them by the Government.

(b) Three.